

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

#### Committee Members Present:

Rodriguez, Rummel, Cunningham, Melander, Wulff, Barber, Kramer, Dorfman, Duininck, Munt, Letofsky, Chávez, Reynoso

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00 on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### INFORMATION

Transportation Policy Plan Update

Nick Thompson and Amy Vennewitz gave a presentation on the 2040 Update to the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP). The TPP is a required document under federal planning regulations and is certified by the FHWA and FTA to have followed and met the required federal components. The largest focus of the plan under federal law is to identify expected regionally significant transportation investments and to demonstrate that these planned investments can reasonably be assumed to be affordable under the plans' financial assumptions. This is called the Current Revenue Scenario in this plan, but it's often referred to as the fiscally constrained scenario. At the state level, the Council is required to produce a regional development guide and system statements which implement the guide. The TPP represents two of the four systems defined in state law: transportation and aviation. (Wastewater and parks are the remaining two systems.) Federal law requires MPOs to update their long-range surface transportation plans every four years (in air quality maintenance areas). The current 2040 plan was adopted in January 2015 and approved by the FHWA and FTA in March 2015. Federal law would require a March 2019 adoption, however, adopting the plan in 2018 gives greatest flexibility to the new Governor/Council to adopt a new plan upon chosen schedule if desired. Each plan update makes incremental changes to the plan and builds on the past plan's policies and investment direction. One of the major changes in this plan is the organization of the plan itself. Expected changes to the plan include updated fiscal projections for highways and transit, incorporate study results and performance measures, and respond to TMA Certification Review comments. The process for stakeholder involvement will be a continuation of Thrive outreach.

Southwest LRT Update – Civil Construction Procurement

Mark Fuhrmann and Jim Alexander provided an update on SWLRT. The Civil Construction Package was completed in January 2017, and the Systems Construction Package is expected to be completed in March 2017. Heavy construction is planned for 2017-2020, with revenue service beginning in 2021. The SWLRT line will have 15 stations, with 3 vertical stations at West Lake St., Bryn Mawr, and Bassett Creek Valley. There will be 7 surface lots with a total of 1,747 spaces and 1 ramp at SouthWest Station with 450 spaces and 2 elevators. The civil contract scope includes 44 new structures (29 new bridges, 7 existing bridges with modifications,

6 pedestrian tunnels, 2 cut and cover tunnels), 117 retaining walls, 153,440 ft. of track, demolition of 14 existing buildings, soil improvements, roadways and trails, utilities and drainage, urban design and landscaping, and freight. The construction outreach and communications will include construction information workgroups, a 24-hour hotline, open houses/neighborhood meetings, construction tours, and signage, just to name a few.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary